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SUBJECT: TURKMENISTAN: ROMANIANS SAY BERDIMUHAMEDOV PROMISED TO CUT BACK GAS TO RUSSIA TO FILL NABUCCO

Classified By: Charge Sylvia R. Curran for reasons 1.4 (b) and (d).

[1](#)1. (C) SUMMARY: President Berdimuhamedov's July 16 trip to Romania appears to have been a success, yielding constructive agreements that will
[1](#)2. (U) President Berdimuhamedov arrived in Bucharest on July 16 for a two-day official visit. Primary topics of the discussion with Prime Mini
[1](#)3. (U) Berdimuhamedov also met with President Traian Basescu, and the two signed an intergovernmental economic cooperation agreement, an educ
[1](#)4. (C) The two countries also discussed Turkmenistan's role in the EU-supported Nabucco gas pipeline project. Romanian Charg d'Affaires in Tur
[1](#)5. (C) Bordeyanu, who was intimately involved in organizing the visit of the Romanian prime minister's visit to Ashgabat in May 2008 as well a
[1](#)6. (C) Berdimuhamedov visited a major oil production and processing facility and university for oil and gas studies in Ploiesti, as well as th
[1](#)7. (C) Berdimuhamedov and Chairman of Parliament Nurberdiyeva met with parliamentarians as well, and discussed the details of the education cc
[1](#)8. (U) The Turkmenistan President's delegation also included Minister of Nature Protection Akmuradov, who met with the Romanian environment mi
(C) COMMENT: Turkmenistan's promise to the Romanians to cut back supplies of gas to Russia if the Trans-Caspian and Nabucco are built is very s
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